Dear Jim, 12/16/75

If I do anything to alter the obvious direction of the coming Times series it will be a wonder. While my faith in Mo is undiminished I am worried about all the many other involved. I've had contact with Crewdson only, except one short conversation with Rugaber.

Crewdson may be young be he is able. This worries me more. Bud used exactly the word I felt, that Crewdson was antagonistic.

Anyway, there are a few hints in this that you should pay attention to. The FBI account to the Senate is clearly a fake. I don't even remember the committee it was. I think the FBI was manipulating their finks in the black militants. I think also that because there was no basis for the FBI intervention, no legal basis and no police request, we have another explanation of Jensen's immediate knowledge(men on the scene) and the clearance to go ahead from Washington as he described it in the first 5 minutes. Without spelling it out, which is futile with Crewdson and before I got what I learned tonight I tried to get him to ask himself what legal right the FBI had to move in. He claimed the civil-rights act.

This reminds me as the favor will remind you. Please claa Shirley and Dave Gaines and thank them for the note. I worked mechanically last night. The orders were heavy and I was exhausted. I sat from the time I got home until 11:30 just packaging books. I paid no attention when I came to their order. I'd planned to write a note. When you can please call them and them them and apologize for me?

I worked on other things today, enough so that the only time I was outside was when I walked to the mailbox.

Also be aware of the potential of the hints I've made to Mo, as I had earlier more elliptically on the change from .243 to .30-06.

Think about our position if the FBI/DJ gives the Times what it has not applied for as I have under FOIA and denied it to me. Can we make an immediate and perhaps sensational claim? If the Times says the ballistics supports the official tale then we have still another situation. It cannot or it would have been used earlier.

The only other news is great. Barnes has taken over Howard's book, will reprint it in March and has committed a meaningful advertising campaign. They tell him they will try to make a best seller. The book can do it. Post Mortem, the only competition, is not in the running. The rest is junk. And I know of nothing other than junk that is coming. Meanwhile, they have promised a real promo campaign. It will help us much and will be very good for Howard in many ways. Lil and I are delighted. Understand that an unsigned deal in mid-December for March appearance is rushing a hardback. Good sign.

I decided to call Mo at this point. It appears that he is letting the others do what they want to do and then he'll make his move. He has done fine work. He reached my conclusion on the FBI real story and has checked it further than I. He interviewed Jensen and caught him in two lies. Basic.He didn't say so but it is apparent that all the others are Washington and are keeping secrets from him. He didn't even know they were to have seen the ballistics stuff yesterday.He has the story on the Invaders making the demonstrations against ing at the Rivermonth. It appeared the next day after the riot and is willing to believe the FBI triggered the riot. I started him along this line of reasoning as soon as it was apparent there had been no such story as the FBI admitted planting. So he can follow my reasoning on the "admission" as the lesser evil.

Here is where I phoned you. Best,